

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 8, 2006. Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 64 to 69, 74, 75, 77 to 79, 84, 85 and 87 to 96 are pending in the application, with Claims 1 to 3, 90, 93 and 96 being in independent form. Claims 97 to 99 have been cancelled, and Claims 1 to 3, 64, 65, 67 to 69, 74, 75, 77 to 79, 84, 85, 87, 90, 93 and 96 have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 64 to 69, 74, 75, 77 to 79, 84, 85 and 87 to 99 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,778,377 (Marlin) in view of "Windows 95 Printer Driver Operation Manual" (the '95 Manual) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,737,599 (Rowe). Claims 97 to 99 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter and without conceding the correctness of their rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the remaining claims are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns the acquiring and displaying of information. Among its many features, the present invention provides for (i) acquiring information related to a selected printing apparatus, (ii) displaying a device window allocated to the selected printing apparatus and having a first and second sheet, wherein first sheet defines items to be displayed as first partial sheet information and the second sheet defines items to be displayed as second partial sheet information, and the items to be displayed as the first partial sheet information on the first sheet and the items to be displayed as the second partial sheet information on the second sheet are different from each other and are managed (or are managed as an MIB (Managed Information Base)) by

the selected printing apparatus, and (iii) acquiring the first and second partial sheet information related to the selected printing apparatus, by communicating with the selected printing apparatus (or by communicating with the selected printing apparatus using SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)).

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 1 as amended is directed to a displaying method, of acquiring information related to a selected printing apparatus of a plurality of printing apparatuses, and displaying acquired information of the selected printing apparatus. The method comprises a device window display step of displaying a device window allocated to the selected printing apparatus, the device window having a first sheet, a second sheet, and a designation portion for selecting either the first sheet or the second sheet, wherein the sheet selected by the designation portion is visible while the other sheet is invisible, and the first sheet is visible at an initial display stage of the device window. The first sheet defines items to be displayed as first partial sheet information and the second sheet defines items to be displayed as second partial sheet information, and the items to be displayed as the first partial sheet information on the first sheet and the items to be displayed as the second partial sheet information on the second sheet are different from each other and are managed as an MIB (Managed Information Base) by the selected printing apparatus. The method also comprises a first acquiring step of acquiring the first partial sheet information related to the selected printing apparatus, by communicating with the selected printing apparatus using SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol), via a network. In addition, the method comprises a first partial sheet information display step of displaying the first partial sheet information, acquired in the first acquiring step, on the first sheet of the device window as the initial display,

wherein the first partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected printing apparatus. The method also comprises a second acquiring step of acquiring the second partial sheet information related to the selected printing apparatus, by communicating with the selected printing apparatus using SNMP, via the network in response to a user's selection of the second sheet by using the designation portion while the first sheet is displayed. In addition, the method comprises a second partial sheet information display step of displaying the second partial sheet information, acquired in the second acquiring step, on the second sheet of the device window, wherein the second partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected printing apparatus.

Independent Claims 2 and 3 are respectively directed to an apparatus and a computer-readable recording medium which are seen to generally correspond with Claim 1.

Independent Claim 90 as amended is directed to a displaying method, of acquiring information related to a selected printing apparatus of a plurality of printing apparatuses, and displaying the acquired information. The method comprises a device window display step of displaying a device window, allocated to the selected printing apparatus, the device window including a first sheet and a second sheet, the first sheet defining items to be displayed as first partial sheet information and the second sheet defining items to be displayed as second partial sheet information, and the items to be displayed as the first partial sheet information on the first sheet and the items to be displayed as the second partial sheet information on the second sheet being different from each other and being managed by the selected printing apparatus. The method also comprises a first acquiring step of acquiring the first partial information related to the selected printing apparatus, by communicating with the selected printing apparatus, via a

network, and a first partial information display step of displaying the first partial sheet information, acquired in the first acquiring step, on the first sheet of the device window, wherein the first partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected printing apparatus. In addition, the method comprises a second acquiring step of acquiring, in response to a user's selection of the second sheet, the second partial sheet information related to the selected printing apparatus, by communicating with the selected printing apparatus, via a network, and a second partial sheet information display step of displaying the second partial sheet information, acquired in the second acquiring step, on the second sheet of the device window, wherein the second partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected printing apparatus.

Independent Claims 93 and 96 are respectively directed to an apparatus and a computer-readable recording medium which are seen to generally correspond with Claim 90.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the invention of the subject application. In particular, Marlin, the '95 Manual and Rowe are not seen to disclose or suggest at least the features of (i) acquiring information related to a selected printing apparatus, (ii) displaying a device window allocated to the selected printing apparatus and having a first and second sheet, wherein first sheet defines items to be displayed as first partial sheet information and the second sheet defines items to be displayed as second partial sheet information, and the items to be displayed as the first partial sheet information on the first sheet and the items to be displayed as the second partial sheet information on the second sheet are different from each other and are managed (or are managed as an MIB (Managed Information Base)) by the selected printing

apparatus, and (iii) acquiring the first and second partial sheet information related to the selected printing apparatus, by communicating with the selected printing apparatus (or by communicating with the selected printing apparatus using SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)).

As understood by Applicants, Marlin discloses that a GUI contains several features, including chain actions, accomplished by double clicking on a particular location in the display. Double clicking may be used to invoke another report, update a dialogue box, display a byte map, etc. See Marlin, column 14, lines 52 to 56.

However, Marlin is not seen to disclose or suggest acquiring information related to a selected printing apparatus. In addition, Marlin is not seen to disclose or suggest displaying a device window allocated to the selected printing apparatus and having a first and second sheet, wherein first sheet defines items to be displayed as first partial sheet information and the second sheet defines items to be displayed as second partial sheet information, and the items to be displayed as the first partial sheet information on the first sheet and the items to be displayed as the second partial sheet information on the second sheet are different from each other and are managed (or are managed as an MIB (Managed Information Base)) by the selected printing apparatus. Moreover, Marlin is not seen to disclose or suggest acquiring the first and second partial sheet information related to the selected printing apparatus, by communicating with the selected printing apparatus (or by communicating with the selected printing apparatus using SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)).

Rowe is not seen to compensate for the deficiencies of Marlin. In particular, although column 4, lines 11 to 15 of Rowe may be seen to disclose that page offset

information is used to download a specific page requested by a user without downloading other pages in a document, Rowe is not seen to disclose or suggest foregoing features (i) to (iii).

In addition, the '95 Manual has been reviewed and is not seen to compensate for the deficiencies of Marlin and Rowe.

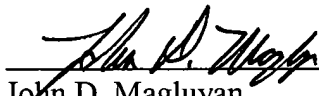
Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 1 to 3, 90, 93 and 96 as amended are believed to be allowable over the applied references.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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